

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF THE WESTCONNEX
PROJECT**

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To the Premier and members of the WestConnex Parliamentary Committee,

I strongly object to the WestConnex Road Tunnel and the tolled roads that will come.

Living 300m from your proposed double smoke stacks to service the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link roads puts the lives of my children at serious risk. A risk that the Premier was dead against when it came to the Labor Government's proposed stack next to the short Lane Cove tunnel. My children are going to be breathing in 42kms of emissions.

Aside from this, as the most expensive transport infrastructure project in Australian history - and if you add in the above mentioned projects then its the world, it is disgraceful that public funds of this order will not be used to build the robust public transport network that Sydney needs.

We demand that the NSW State Government releases a proper business case into these roads.

WestConnex flies in the face of all international urban planning developments which show that more roads create more traffic and congestion. It will subject communities to serious health risks, loss of homes and green spaces, untenable tolls, and continuing traffic congestion for decades.

Given the growing list of failed toll roads around the country, one would assume a project of this size and cost would have undergone rigorous planning and budgeting, and breezed through independent review mechanisms with regards to the concept, business case and tendering processes from the concept stage. However, the reverse has been the case, as highlighted by the NSW Ombudsman's report and the City of Sydney's independent report. Billions of dollars worth of contracts were signed before planning approvals and updated business cases were released.

Tens of thousands of submissions have been received against WestConnex, but despite the fact that the project has no public mandate. There will be more to come as this dirty, unnecessary projects winds its tentacles around Sydney.

Forward thinking cities are replacing their roads with trains. Some of the poorest countries in the world are replacing their roads with trains. Stop this road before it destroys Sydney.

Stop this road before we have countless cases of cancer. Stop this road before it destroys the lives of children who can't study due to the noise. Stop this road before it destroys our waterways, our ecosystems, our environment.